

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

Please replace Figures 2 and 3 with the amended Figures 2 and 3 filed herewith under separate cover directed to the Draftsman.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following paragraph after line 2 on page 7:

Flanges 132 have lateral edges 155 extending longitudinally as shown in Figures 2 and 3. Lateral edges 155 have first edge portions 156, second edge portions 157, and third edge portions 158 corresponding to portions of edges 155 in first, second, and third regions 150, 152, and 154, respectively. First edge portions 156 are first stamped portions, second edge portions 157 are second stamped portions, and third edge portions 158 are third sheared portions of the lateral edges 155. The terms stamped and sheared are significant for reasons to be described in greater detail below with regard to Figure 4. As shown in Figure 3, first edge portions 156 are not continuous relative to second edge portions 157, and second edge portions 157 are not continuous relative to third edge portions 158. For the embodiment of Figure 3, the relationship of edge portions 156, 157, 158 can be expressed as second edge portions 157 separate first edge portions 156 from third edge portions 158 and form a discontinuity therebetween as shown in Figure 3.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-2, 6-8, 19-20, 25-26, and 29.

Please amend claims 3, 4, 5, 9, 12, and 16 as follows: